

(b) The Ministry for the Development of the North-East Region sanctions infrastructure development projects under the schemes of Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) and North Eastern Council (NEC). The details of projects for which funds have been allocated during the last three years under these two schemes are available on the Ministry's websites: www.mdoner.gov.in and www.mdoner.gov.in/index3.asp?ssid=148 respectively.

The status of allocation of funds and expenditure by way of releases to the North-East States and other agencies for these Schemes during the last three years is as under:

Scheme	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06	
	Alloca- tion	Expen- diture	Alloca- tion	Expen- diture	Alloca- tion	Expen- diture
NLCPR	550.00	550.00	650.00	650.00	679.17	679.17
NEC	499.86	497.61	498.72	498.72	458.54	460.15

**Proposal for developing Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi R.M.H.
Tezpur**

136. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for developing Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi Regional Mental Hospital, Tezpur through NEC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps the NEC has taken to protect the status of the employees of the above hospital after taking over from the State Government;

(d) whether DONER has its independent budgetary provision; and

(e) the details of the financial assistance given by NEC to private hospitals/nursing homes in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) In December, 1997, the Government of India accorded sanction to the North Eastern Council (NEC),

Shillong to take over the L.G.B. Institute of Mental Health, Tezpur and develop it as a Regional Institute. Accordingly, NEC took over the Institute through an Agreement entered into with the Government of Assam on the 11th February, 1999 and registered it as a Society under the Societies Registration Act. Since taking over from the State Government, NEC have been providing financial assistance to the Institute for, *inter alia*, the development of infrastructure and meeting the expenditure on salaries, allowances and other benefits of the employees in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.

(c) The Status of the employees of the Hospital is protected by Clause (9) 6 of the Agreement signed between the Government of Assam and the NEC on 11.02.1999.

(d) Yes, Sir. The budget provisions of the Ministry for 2006-07 are given below:

Name of schemes	BE (Rs. Crore)
Plan	
NLCPR	700.00
NEC	600.00
Advertising and Publicity	6.00
Capacity Building	10.00
Sikkim Mining Corporation	2.51
Loan to NEDFi	31.48
Development of cities and roads in N.E. State	0.01
Total	1350.00
Non-plan	
NEC Secretariat	5.90
Secretariat DONER	3.33
Loan to NEHHDC	3.56
Total	12.79
GRAND TOTAL:	1362.79

(e) The details of financial assistance given by NEC to private hospitals in Assam are given below:

Support to Sri Sankardeva Nethralaya, Guwahati (for procurement of specialized equipment)

Funds released during 10th Plan 2002-03	Rs. 163.00 lakhs
2003-04	Rs. 100.00 lakhs
2004-05	Rs. 320.00 lakhs
2005-06	Rs. 100.00 lakhs
2006-07	Rs. 200.00 lakhs
Total	Rs. 883.00 lakhs

Support to Sankar Madhab Rural Charity Hospital, Panikheti, near Guwahati, (part financial assistance for establishment of 300 bedded rural Hospital)

Funds released during 10th Plan 2004-05	Rs. 200.00 lakhs
2006-07	Rs. 268.96 lakhs
Total	Rs. 468.90 lakhs

(Source: NEC Secretariat, Shillong)

Evolution of Joint Mechanism for Terrorism

137. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have committed to Pakistan to be evolving a joint mechanism of India and Pakistan to combat terrorism;

(b) if so, the outline of the same; and

(c) the brief background of the said proposed joint mechanism?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) In the aftermath of the Mambai blasts, prime Minister of India and President Musharraf met in Havana on 16 September 2006. The issue of terrorism was discussed and the two leaders agreed